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Eastminster Messenger

Heads, Hearts & Hands for Christ in Service & Celebration

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"One AND the Other"

We have completed our Summer Sermon Series on "Secular Movies, Books & Songs That Speak to the Soul." That PASTOR means we will return to the lectionary. For those who've forgotten what that is

since we've been away from it so long, the lectionary is a suggestion of passages for each week of the Christian year. There is a suggested reading from the Old Testament, a Psalm, a Gospel reading and an Epistle reading. There is a three-year cycle, which means that every three years, the same passages are suggested. The basic premise of the lectionary is that it offers a broad overview of the entire scope of the biblical message and gives attention to all the various seasons of the church year.

This Sunday, as we move back into the lectionary, we'll look at a passage that is found in the Letter of James. There is disagreement among scholars as to the origin of this book and who its author is. The traditional view is that James is the brother of Jesus but that's certainly not universally accepted. There are a variety of strong arguments against such authorship, chief among them being that he never indicates that he's the brother of Jesus. Personally, though, I tend to believe it is more likely that the Letter of James was, in fact, written by Jesus' brother.

Regardless of its author, though, the message of James doesn't change. It is a fascinating book with powerful lessons from beginning to end. The passage suggested for this Sunday is one that is quite familiar. It's also a passage that's very troubling because it hits home for all of us. It could have been written two days ago rather than 2,000 years ago.

Read James 2:1-26 where James offers a superb argument in favor of "One AND the Other."

Blessings,	
Dennis	



SUNDAY SCHOOL FALL KICK-OFF!



On Erin's CE page you can learn about all that is taking place with the beginning of our Sunday School for the fall. It's this Sunday! You may be wondering how you can help out with our program this year. Among a variety of other possibilities, here's the easiest one – INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN YOU IN CLASS.

Inviting someone from outside the church to join you for worship seems to be an overwhelmingly daunting challenge for many of us. There are all sorts of reasons we're reluctant to do so. But inviting a fellow church member to join you in Sunday School should be something every one of us can easily do and should look forward to doing. After all, you don't have to worry about the person saying "I go to another church" or "I'm not interested in church." They're already here at Eastminster! If every member of every class would be kind enough to invite someone to join them in Sunday School and if even half of those invitations would be accepted, our attendance would increase by 50%!

Accept the challenge – INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL!

THIS SATURDAY SISTER JOANNA'S TABLE 9:30 - 1:00 P.M. PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING

Prayers & Concerns

Please pray for the following: Kristen, Jordan Whelen, Family & friends of TaRhel Brockers, Conner Chapman, Hadrian & Robby, Michael & family and Shirley B. If you have a prayer request, please contact Leslie Webb at epcprayers@gmail.com or contact the Church Office.



Office Hours Thursday from 4:30 - 7:00

Youth Group is this Sunday at 6:00 P.M. We will have a lesson and then a time of fellowship.



On Friday, September 14th we will have a Lockin, we will be starting at 7:00 P.M. and ending on Saturday, September 15th at 8:00 A.M.

Snack and/or drink donations would be greatly appreciated.

I hope to see you in The Place, Trey







All are welcome, encouraged and NEEDED to join the choir! Join us every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the choir room for practice. We look forward to a season of beautiful music making. If you have any

questions or would like more information about the choir, please contact Alanna Keenan at ak215@evansville.edu



BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who donated blood at our Annual Blood drive that was held this past Sunday!





LADIES' NIGHT OUT

At Little Angelo's in Newburgh on Tuesday, September 11 at 6 PM

Christian Education

"Heads, Hearts and Hands For Christ in Service and Celebration"

Children's Worship Needs You!

There are a few children who yould love to get to know their church knill. Please consider signing up to have the property of and teach these great kids. We have the new curriculum that includes songs. The property of the curriculum, see the property of the lesson that is ok, to work the lesson as a guide.

9/9/18—Suzette Frag.
9/16/18—
9/23/18—
9/30/18—
10/7/18—
10/14/18—
10/21/18—
10/28/18—
11/4/18—
11/11/18—
11/11/18—
11/25/18—
12/2/18—Advent Lunch practice

If you are a parent or grandparent of a child in Children's Worship, the Christian Education Committee would like you to consider signing up for two time slots. Please look at your calendar and prayerfully consider participating in this fun time with our children. This is a great way to get to know the children of our church. They really are a fun group of children!!!

Thanks so much! CE Committee

12/9/18— 12/16/18—

12/23/18—

12/30/18—



Come join us for Fall Kick Off! This Sunday, September 9th at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary

We have children and youth to promote! A Bible to hand out and a great new curriculum. So, let's jump right in! Not to mention the sweet treats that will be waiting in your Sunday School class-rooms!!! Hope to see you there.

We Believe

The heavens declare your glory

The skies sing the work of your hands

Day after day they call out and say... believe

The oceans are telling your story

Over and over again

Wave after wave they call out and say... Believe

Oh what a revelation You've lifted our heads and opened our eyes

And this is our declaration

(Chorus)

We believe we believe... You are

We believe we believe... You are good

You have conquered the grave Taken our sin away

We believe we believe... every Word

You have breathed we believe... we are yours

And with each breath You give us

We will proclaim

We believe we believe

We believe we believe

Now as we stand before You

We want to give You more than a song

We want lives that prove That we really do... believe

You've given us the Revela-

Now take your church and turn us into

A living declaration

(Chorus)

And if our faith is weak God help our unbelief

You are faithful God you are faithful

And if our faith is weak God help our unbelief

You have been faithful You will be faithful

You say come... so here we are

Lifting up our hands and our hearts

To worship You and tell You we believe

(Chorus)

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The song above is one we will sing together at our Fall Kick Off. It is not a hymn, but sounds more like the newer Christian music. It should be a fun song to sing and goes with the theme of our curriculum. If you want to hear it before Fall Kick Off, visit the website:

http://www.believethestory.com/worshipresources/

